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SUBJ: CONVERSATION WITH DEP PRIMIN/FONMIN NU'MAN

1. SUMMARY: QUESTION OF EMERGENCY ARMS SUPPLY FOR YEMEN REVIEWED WITH JUST-RETURNED FONMIN. PRESIDENT IRYANI AND FONMIN WILL BE LEAVING YEMEN FOR SEVERAL WEEKS ABROAD ON VACATION AND FOR ALGIERS' NON-ALIGNED CONFERENCE. IN FONMIN'S CASE, THIS WILL BE FOLLOWED BY ATTENDANCE UNGA OPERING. EXPECTED YARG CABINET CRISIS AT LEAST POSTPONED. END SUMMARY.

2. DEPUTY PRIMIN/FONMIN NU'MAN RETURNED TO SANAA JULYE 30 AFTER ALMOST TWO MONTHS ABROAD DEVOTED FIRST TO TOUR OF WESTERN ARAB CAPITALS TO ENLIST SUPPORT FOR YAR AGAINST PDRY AND SECOND TO MOVING HIS FAMILY FROM PARIS TO BEIRUT (AND GENERALLY SIGNALLING HIS UNWILLINGNESS WORK WITH PRIMIN HAJRI).

3. WE GOT TOGETHER JULY 31 FOR REVIEW OF RECENT DEVELOPMENTS.
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4. ON HIS MISSION TO ARAB CAPITALS, NU'MAN SAID HE PARTICULARLY IMPRESSED BY JORDAN. HE HAD MET KING HUSSEIN BEFORE BUT HAD NOT KNOW THE COUNTRY. HE FOUND JORDANIANS AND THEIR LEADERS A RARE COMMODITY IN ARAB WORLD IN THAT THEY GUIDED BY REALITIES NOT WORDS. HIS VISIT TO AMMAN CONVINCED NU'MAN THAT JORDAN WANTS TO HELP YAR AND THAT LATTER MUST STOP FEELING QUEASY ABOUT ACCEPTING THIS HELP JUST BECAUSE PALESTI-NIANS MIGHT NOT LIKE IT.

5. WE WENT OVER ENTIRE PICTURE ON EMERGENCY ARMS SUPPLY FOR YAR, AS WELL AS PROSPECTIVE IRANIAN INVOLVE-MENT IN TRAINING YEMENI AIR FORCE. I SAID IT WAS ESSENTIAL THAT YARG (A) PIN DOWN THE QUESTION OF ABU DHABI SUPPORT FOR PURCHASES AND (B) LET SAG KNOWN DEFINITELY WHAT GOING ON WITH IRAN.

6. ON QUESTION OF HIS FEUD WITH PRIME MINISTER HAJRI, NU'MAN FOLLOWING RETURN LET HIMSELF BE PERSUADED BY PRESIDENT IRYANI AND OTHERS WHO ARE CONCERNED TO KEEP PRESENT GOVERNMENT WORKING TOGETHER TO MAKE A GESTURE IN HAJRI'S DIRECTION BY CALLING UPON HIM. THEY ARGUED AT LENGTH ABOUT THEIR DIFFERENCES AND DID NOT RESOLVE THESE. BUT THEY DID AGREE TO KEEP PRESENT CABINET TOGETHER FOR A FURTHER PERIOD OF APPROXIMATELY TWO MONTHS (DURING WHICH NU'MAN WILL IN FACT BE ABSENT FROM COUNTRY).

7. NU'MAN INFORMED ME THAT PRESIDENT IRYANI INTENDING LEAVE YEMEN FOR APPROXIMATELY ONE MONTH VACATION IN SYRIAN MOUNTAINS BEGINNING AUGUST 5. NU'MAN WILL ACCOMPANY. THEREAFTER, THE TWO WILL PROCEED TO ALGIERS FOR NON-ALIGNED CONFERENCE. THIS MAY ALSO PROVIDE OPPORTUNITY FOR GET-TOGETHER OF ARAB LEADERS AS EARLIER ADVOCATED BY YARG. FOLLOWING NON-ALIGNED SUMMIT NU'MAN INTENDS GO TO NEW YORK FOR OPENING OF UNGA.
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